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First Named Inventor : Kenji HORII  
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TC/A.U. : 1725  
Examiner : LEN TRAN  
  
Docket No. : 381NT/49487  
Customer No. : 23911  
  
Title : Method of Bonding Metal Plates, Apparatus Therefor and Hot Strip Mill

**REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED PRIORITY DOCUMENTS**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated May 3, 2005 with no indication that the certified copies of the priority documents were received. However, as noted on the attached copies of the Claim for Priority and the front pages of certified Japanese application nos. 2000-316522 and 11-354215, all of which were obtained from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's image file wrapper and bear the Office's date-stamp, Applicants did properly submit certified copies of the priority documents.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner acknowledge receipt of the priority documents in a Supplemental Notice of Allowability.

If there are any questions regarding this request, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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THEREFOR AND HOT STRIP MILL

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**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 23, 2001

Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of prior foreign application No. 2000-316522, filed in Japan on October 17, 2000, and of prior foreign application No. 11-354215, filed in Japan on December 14, 1999, is hereby requested and the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 is hereby claimed.

In support of this claim, filed herewith are certified copies of the original foreign applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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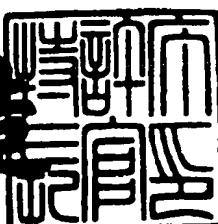
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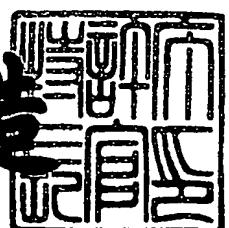
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